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SUBJ: POSSIBLE 1973 VISIT TO FRANCE BY ABBA EBAN?

1. HA- ARETZ CORRESPONDENT ELIE MAISSI ( WHO MUST BE CAREFULLY  
PROTECTED) GAVE EMBOFF APRIL 10 PHOTOCOPY OF LETTER DATED  
OCTOBER 16, 1972, FROM PREMIER MESSMER TO GENERAL DE VONOU-  
VILLE, A GAULLIST DEPUTY, OUTSTANDING RESISTANCE HERE, AND  
CHAIRMAN OF JOURS DE FRANCE PUBLICATION, TEXT OF LETTER FOL-  
LOWS: QUOTE: MY DEAR PIERRE. LIKE YOU, I WANT THE CONTACTS  
BETWEEN US AND THE ISRAELIS TO REMAIN UNBROKEN. TO THEM,  
THE MILITARY TERRAIN DOES NOT SEEM TO ME, FOR THE MOMENT, THE  
BEST. BUT YOU MAY MAKE KNOWN TO YOUR INTERLOCUTORS THAT WE  
WOULD GLADLY WELCOME TO PARIS M. ABBA EBAN, MINISTER OF FOR-  
EIGN AFFAIRS OF ISRAEL, EITHER IN A PRIVATE CAPACITY OR OF-  
FICIALLY, IF HE EXPRESSES THE DESIRE FOR THIS. BELIEVE, MY  
DEAR PIERRE, IN MY FAITHFUL FRIENDSHIP. ( SIGNED) PIERRE  
MESSMER. END QUOTE.

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2. EMBOFF ASKED MAISSI WHEN EBAN MIGHT COME TO FRANCE, NOTING VISIT WOULD OBVIOUSLY NOT BE PROPITIOUS FOR SOME TIME IN WAKE OF RECENT VIOLENCE IN NICOSIA AND BEIRUT. MAISSI THOUGHT IF TENSIONS IN MIDDLE EAST CALM DOWN SUFFICIENTLY, ISRAELIS MIGHT SUGGEST EBAN VISIT TO FRANCE IN JUNE OR JULY, OR PERHAPS SHORTLY BEFORE FALL ELECTIONS IN ISRAEL. MEANTIME, FRENCH WOULD WELCOME SAUDI ARABIATHAT CHOGYAL/ GYALMO OPERATING AT BEHEST OF ' FOREIGN POWERS' AND THEREFORE NOT TRUE NATIONALISTS; (3) ACTIVE ENCOURAGEMENT OF NEPALIS TO REBEL AGAINST ROYAL AUTHORITY ( THIS, HE SAID, OF MORE CONCERN TO BHUTANESE THAN TO HMG OF NEPAL SINCE TIBETAN- ORIGIN BHUTANESE ROYAL FAMILY RULING OVER POPULATION ' AT LEAST' FIFTY PERCENT NEPALI).

3. WHEN ASKED WHAT INFORMATION HE HAD THAT GOI HAD ENCOURAGED NEPALI PARTIES TO EMBARK ON DEMONSTRATIONS, HE SAID THAT " EVERYONE KNOWS" ALL PARTY PLANS ARE HATCHED IN KALIMPONG AT KAZI LENDHUP DORJE' S HOME, THAT INDIAN INTELLIGENCE " THOROUGHLY AWARE" OF PARTY PLANS AND CAPACITIES EVEN IF NOT DIRECTLY FUNDING AND DIRECTING PARTIES ( AS CHOGYAL' S SISTER HAS CLAIMED IN HONG KONG INTERVIEW), THAT HIS INFORMANTS SAID THAT MOST OF 25,000 " SIKKIMESE NEPALIS" WHO MARCHED ON GANGTOK IN FACT WERE DARJEELING DISTRICT NEPALI YOUTH CONGRESS WHO TRAVELLED FROM KALIMPONG ALONG RANGPO/ GANGTOK ROAD AND COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN STOPPED BY INDIAN ARMY ( WHICH IS PRESENT ALONG THAT ROAD, IN SEVERAL CAMPS).

4. IN CLOSING HE WONDERED WHETHER " ALARMING" INDIAN MOVE TO CONTROL DOMESTIC AFFAIRS OF SIKKIM WASN' T ANOTHER ATTEMPT, " LIKE BANGLADESH," TO ELIMINATE REGIMES IN AREA WHICH TRYING PURSUE THEIR OWN VISIONS AND WHICH NOT ADEQUATELY DEFERENTIAL TO NEW DELHI.  
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